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AWARDS AND HONORS COMMITTEE - SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS

No Report.

AWARDS AND HONORS COMMITTEE - TRUSTEES

The winning candidate for the Trustee of the Year Award was selected by the Committee in March. The Award is made on the basis of a trustee's constructive accomplishments in promoting library welfare and his interest in and contribution to the development of library services beyond those of the local community.

The Award will be presented to the Trustee of the Year at the yearly Montana Library Association conference in Great Falls.

Alene Cooper, Chairman

CENTRAL DISTRIBUTION OF STATE DOCUMENTS

This committee met for breakfast during the State Conference in Billings. Representatives of the state agencies who receive the state document service were invited to meet with the committee and a general discussion as to the value of the documents was carried on. Several problems were discussed and ideas exchanged as to various methods used in handling state information.

The consensus of the attendants was that an index to state documents is really a necessity in order to make the best use of the documents supplied to us by various state agencies. It was felt that the study being made by John Coleman, of the State Historical Library, would be an excellent starting point in a compilation of state documents and should be continued for the benefit of all state research workers. Some informative discussion has been carried on through the year as to the best way to utilize this splendid foundation. We feel that progress is being made in that direction.

We have been most pleased to receive studies from the University System in the distribution of state documents. It is to be hoped that these will continue to be made available for the document collections of the state libraries.

It is hoped that the meeting of those interested in state documents will continue as a part of the yearly conference. Any who are interested in joining us will be welcome.

Josephine Self, Chairman

CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE

The Committee has proposed the following changes in the constitution and by-laws of the Montana Library Association:

Constitution

Article III, Section 3. Delete the last phrase, i.e. "except the right to vote and to hold office."
Explanation: Some members feel that many Associate members are of great value to the Association and should not be denied these rights.

Article IV, Section 1. Add "division chairmen" to the second sentence which will then read: "The officers, together with the past president, the division chairmen, the representative to PNLA, and the representative to ALA, shall constitute the Executive Board."
Explanation: It should ensure more cooperation and coordination within the Association.

Article IV, Section 3. Change the first sentence to read: "The president shall assume the responsibility for and general direction of the Association, and perform the duties that usually pertain to that office.
Explanation: The phrase, "shall assume the responsibility for and general direction of the Association" is in our Manual of Procedure and it should be a directive in the Constitution.

Bylaws

Article III, Section 2. The following dues changes:

Annual Salary	Annual Dues
From "Under $2,400" to "Under $3,000"	From "$1.25" to "$3.00"
From "$2,400-3,599" to "$3,000-5,999"	From "$3.00" to "$5.00"
From "$3,600-4,799" to "$6,000-7,999"	From "$5.00" to "$7.00"
From "$4,800 and over" to "$8,000 and over"	From "$7.00" to"$10.00"

b. For Associate Members, from "$1.00" to "$3.00" annually.
c. For Life Members, from "$50.00" to "$100.00".
Explanation: Rising costs.

Article V, Section 1. Add

"f. LOCAL HISTORY COMMITTEE. This committee shall encourage all Montana librarians to search out, preserve, and make available for best use, consistent with preservation, those printed materials that throw light on the history of their area and their State."

"g. INTELLECTUAL FREEDOM COMMITTEE. This Committee believes that all members of a democratic society must have complete freedom to read what they will in the course of making social, educational, and political judgements."

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The Constitution Committee has been instructed by the Executive Board to prepare a tentative constitution and bylaws for the new Public Libraries Division. This is to be brought to the annual convention and discussed by this division.

Inez Herrig, Chairman

INTELLECTUAL FREEDOM COMMITTEE

No Report.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

This has been a most crucial year in the life of libraries in Montana and the Nation. Because libraries were given a low priority on funding in the President's budget message and because there was such a wave of feeling nationwide against this low priority. Congress greatly raised the funding for education and library programs. The first bill of HEW was vetoed after the first of the year and a compromise bill finally was signed into law. This did raise library programs somewhat but they still are supported below past years. In his new budget request for 1971 fiscal year, the President has put library funding at the same amount as in the current fiscal year. This is far below the needs of all types of libraries and by concentrated effort, we again must rally to support increased funding on national as well as state levels.

The year of 1969 was busy. In July I went to Washington as a participant in the Trustees March to Washington urging that library funding be adequate. I spent ten days talking about library needs with Representatives and Senators from Montana and many other states. It was most gratifying to represent the Montana Library Association for this organization is considered tops in urging library support.

As one of 16 representatives of the American Library Trustee Association I represented Montana and several western states in a meeting with President Richard Nixon at the White House on October 21. We met in the oval room at the White House, which is used as the office of the President, and informally talked with him for 45 minutes. The delegation represented a cross section of elected and appointed library officials. More than 40,000 trustees are represented by the group. Our main aim was to inform President Nixon of the dire need for more federal funds for libraries for the principal duty of library trustees is to see that effective library service, adequate to the needs of the people of all ages and all educational and cultural levels, is provided. The group also supported a target program of the Nixon administration: "The Right to Read -- Target for the 1970s". That this meeting was fruitful is evident in that the President did sign the second HEW bill providing more funds than he had requested in the budget. These funds, however, are far from adequate.

Letters went out in April to all members of the Legislative Committee of MLA asking that they serve another term. If you are interested in becoming a member of this greatest, most widely informed, enthusiastic and effective group of lobbyists, please send your name to me and we will be pleased to add it to the roster!

Our legislature convenes next January 1971, and the time to begin to know your legislators is now. Be sure to inform each legislator or prospective legislator of the needs of your own home town library and, if you don't have one, tell him about this, too. Even if you are not a member of the committee, you can help and inform and promote better service for all Montanans.

A simple "thank you" seems inadequate for all the work I've asked you to do, but it comes with heartfelt feeling.

Margaret S. Warden, Chairman

LIBRARY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Montana Public Library Standards were unanimously adopted by the Montana State Library Commission in October 1969. The writing of the Standards was begun by the Library Development Committee of the Montana Library Association, at the suggestion of the State Library.

With the publication of the Standards, the Library Development Committee turns its attention to assisting with the wide distribution of the document, with its interpretation to trustees, library staffs, friends of libraries and all Montanans, and with its implementation.

The Committee will now begin work to develop a plan for state aid.

Alma S. Jacobs, Chairman

LIBRARY INFORMATION AD HOC COMMITTEE

The purpose of this committee has been stated:

> To act as liaison among agencies, institutions, and associations which provide, procure, or promote library service and information services;
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> To function as a steering committee, to consult with representatives of agencies interested in establishing networks or systems for the exchange of information and/or materials within the state, whether at state or local levels;
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> To attempt to establish coordination of the various efforts and interests where possible, or to work toward a type of system or network flexible enough to include or to join diverse related systems or networks;
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> To promote the principle of total library service, by demonstrating in an active way the Associations' concern for total service, for avoiding unnecessary duplication of effort and expenditure, and for most effective use of the resources -- both human and material -- available to us;
>
> To keep the Association fully and regularly informed of committee activity and recommendations formulated by the committee, giving due regard to all types and levels of library service.

The committee met with President Letitia Johnson in September to discuss the implementation of its goals and possible areas where lines of communication could be furthered.

Out of the discussion came the decision to proceed with the issuing of a President's Newsletter to be mailed to the membership at irregular intervals when the need necessitated communication. The committee would contribute items of library information for publication in the Newsletter.

Two issues of the Newsletter have been mailed to the members and at this writing, a third is in preparation.

The goal of establishing further library networks for the exchange of information has not been realized. The committee needs to know more about information demand which might be more adequately met if communication networks were strengthened. It needs to know also more about the specialized agencies which could assist in disseminating information and materials. More information must be made available so that we can proceed with the goal of avoiding unnecessary duplication of human and materials library resources in the state.

Edna Berg, Chairman

LOCAL HISTORY COMMITTEE

No Report.

MONTANA AUTHORS COMMITTEE

The most significant item to report is that the revised edition of Who's Who Among Pacific Northwest Authors has been printed and is currently being proofread by Mrs. Frances Wright and her staff. Tim Brown, who has shepherded the manuscript through its various stages and plans extensive advertising of its availability, hopes the volume will be ready by May 1. The Committee is grateful for the years of solid work done by Bill Willmering and Miss Minnie Paugh in preparation of the Montana portion of the book.

The continuing work of the Committee is always the search for new writers who will be added to the next edition of the Who's Who. That work is already going forward.

The Committee is also currently at work on a project we hope will benefit the state's libraries and all the people of Montana. We are trying to contact as many authors as possible to request that they concern themselves with the deposit of their manuscripts and research materials in Montana libraries. This idea, originating with Dale Johnson, University of Montana Archivist and Committee member, is frankly aimed at stopping the flow of writers' papers out of the state. We are sending letters to authors, explaining the importance of preserving the record of their work, and suggesting as depositories the State Library, the State University at Bozeman, or the University of Montana at Missoula.

After getting opinions from Committee members Alene Cooper, Margaret Mackin and Dale Johnson as to the authors we should approach, I have begun sending out letters over the Committee's name.

Richard Gercken, Chairman

NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK - 1970

The 1970 National Library Week Committee, headed by Dean Robert Sullivan of the University of Montana School of Law, held its organizational meeting in Missoula on December 12, 1969, with fifteen members present. The Committee agreed to the following statement of goals for 1970:

In keeping with the Montana Library Association's stated object "To promote library interest and development and raise standards of library service in Montana" the committee will concentrate its efforts for 1970 toward

---Interpretation and gaining public acceptance for the new public library standards adopted by the Montana State Library Commission

---Continuing the development of a climate for adequate financial support for libraries

---Stimulating an awareness of the benefits of shared use of library resources through a variety of cooperative practices between libraries.

At this writing (prior to NLW, April 12-18) it is not possible to report on local and statewide observances, save to note that the Committee is aware that several libraries will mark the event with open houses or anniversary celebrations, the Governor's office has agreed to release a statement on the occasion, and a number of statewide organizations will mark the week in their publications and programs.

Members of the committee representing academic, school, and public libraries took responsibility for urging their counterparts in communities throughout the state to join together in local planning for NLW.

David R. Hoffman, Executive Director

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Nominating Committee of the Montana Library Association submits the following slate of officers for 1970-1971: Election results will be announced at the Annual Conference.

President

Mrs. Mabel Brewer, Librarian, Flathead County Library, Kalispell

Vice-President and President-Elect

Douglas E. Mills, Head of Technical Processes, University of Montana, Missoula

Mrs. Josephine Self, Serials Librarian, Eastern Montana College Library, Billings

Secretary

Mrs. Mary Harstad, Librarian, Washington School, Glendive

Mrs. Shirlee Smith, Librarian, Havre High School, Havre

PNLA Representative

Mrs. Marjorie Brister, Acquisitions Librarian, Montana State University Library, Bozeman

Mrs. Terry Clay, Readers' Services Librarian, Montana State Library, Helena

Adelaine Midgett, Chairman

PUBLICITY COMMITTEE

No Report.

DIVISION REPORTS

ACADEMIC AND SPECIAL LIBRARIES DIVISION

No Report.

MONTANA ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL LIBRARIANS

No Report.

TRUSTEES AND FRIENDS DIVISION

My greatest pleasure as state president of the Trustees and Friends' Division was handing the certificate of Outstanding Trustee to William Bertsche of Great Falls at the Billings convention. He is known in his area as a friend of books and libraries.

In answer to Rita Nelson's suggestion, I wrote a letter to the chairman of each library board in Montana, pointing out that MLA dues for every trustee is a legitimate -- and necessary -- library expense. Mrs. Nelson reported that there has been an increase in membership in our division.

In addition to serving on the Membership Committee, I was appointed to the Library Development Committee and the National Library Week Committee.

The meeting in Missoula in March was the only state committee meeting I was able to attend recently. We made plans for a good conference at Great Falls in May. See you all then!

Don Gibson, Chairman

ALA COUNCILOR

The past year has been most eventful for ALA both at the Annual Conference in Atlantic City and the Midwinter Meeting in Chicago.

Primary concerns of ALA were: Infringements of Intellectual Freedom; restoration of federal funds for libraries; need for change in library education; restructuring ALA to meet the current needs; increasing dues; and the demands of the young librarians who are asking for more democracy in the running of the organization.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

Council passed a new dues scale beginning at $25.00 for salaries up to $6,999 as the base; made possible that complaints be submitted to ALA against violations of the Library Bill of Rights; provide for examination of and referral or action on such complaints. The Chapter Relations Committee recommended to Council that legislation be initiated for Alternates for Chapter Councilors. This is important for MLA because few members are able to attend ALA and only Councilors are eligible to vote.

CONTROVERSIES:

A filibuster at the membership meeting in Atlantic City by an insurgent group of young librarians wanting ALA to go on record against the War in Vietnam. One could question the presiding officer and parliamentarian for letting this situation arise but a troublesome demonstration was avoided by their patience in allowing them to speak their piece at length. This brought up the question of ALA's commitment to controversial social problems.

Too many meetings are scheduled. Often the time of important committee meetings overlap. Regional meetings might be an answer.

INSPIRATIONS:

To hear and see Helen Hayes in person, who spoke so disenchantingly on trends in the modern theater; to see and hear Hubert Humphrey, friend of all libraries. My personal pleasure to find that he graciously remembered that my brother-in-law was his first speech and debate coach.

I appreciate representing MLA at the ALA Conference and Midwinter Meeting. It is a real educational experience and I hope more of you will be able to attend. The next annual conference is in Detroit, June 28-July 3.

Clare M. Smith, ALA Councilor

FEDERAL COORDINATOR

This has been an anxious and frustrating year for all library programs. The President's budget proposal provided huge cuts in every library program: Title I of the Library Services and Construction Act with zero for Title II (construction); zero amounts for Title II of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, which provides books for school libraries, a 75 reduction in Higher Education Facilities Act funding (which includes money for college and university library building), and in the Higher Education Act, a 50% cut in funds for college library resources. When Congress restored the cuts and in many areas, increased the amount previously appropriated in fiscal '69, the bill was vetoed by President Nixon. A compromise bill was approved by Congress, and this Act, Public Law 91-204, was signed by President Nixon on March 5th. The new bill provides $42,500,000 for ESEA Title II: $42,266,250 for LSCA which restores $7,807,250 for the construction title, $71,000,000 for HEFA, Title I; provides only $9,900,000 for HEA Title II, Part A, college library resources -- considerably less than the earlier vetoed bill. At this date (April 1, 1970) the states have not yet received official notification of the exact amount each state is to receive, based on the appropriation.

Up to this time, most H.E.W. programs have been operating on continuing resolutions, based on the lower amounts recommended in the president's budget. The additional amounts will be available only when the directives are received from the Director of the Budget and the Office of Education.

If there could be one unanimous plea presented to the President and to Congress, there is no doubt that it would be for a system of appropriation one year in advance of the fiscal year for which the money is alotted. The uncertainties which the State agencies have had on the amounts available have made good planning utterly impossible. If this continues, the people who have been promised help (if and when) will lose confidence in all of the programs and any successful efforts for library development will be drastically curtailed.

The President's budget for LSCA for the forthcoming year (fiscal 71) provides the identical amounts that are in P.L. 91-204 except that the amount recommended for Title II of LSCA is zero. The funds in other titles are woefully short of needs and represent a considerable cutback in Title I of LSCA for public library development.

State library agencies are presently being canvassed for opinions on the Library Service and Construction amendments of 1970. New legislation is necessary for the Act to continue and several proposals are under consideration. Montana and 34 other states will receive a larger appropriation if the Act is continued in its present form, with appropriation amounts specified for each title as they are at present. Proposed is a change in the law, to provide a lump sum to be used at the discretion of each state. There would be no objection to this arrangement, except that the funds proposed are considerably less.

May I end with a strong request to all members of the Association to use every method at your command to help the library program. The Administration must know that we consider support for libraries essential, and of first priority.

Ruth O. Longworth, Federal Coordinator

MONTANA STATE LIBRARY

This is my final report as your State Librarian and I approach it with a variety of emotions: pride in the job that the Association has helped us to accomplish, much affection for its members and great satisfaction and gratitude for the chance to be a part of the Montana scene during a time of such significance to libraries. Everyday on the job has been rewarding and I am endlessly grateful to all of you for making it so.

David Hoffman, Deputy State Librarian, will assume the responsibility for the State Library on August 1, 1970, and we are most fortunate to have him. During the past year, he has worked closely with the Library Development Committee to develop public library standards for Montana and has presented several excellent workshops on a variety of topics. A plan for state aid for public libraries is now under consideration and will be ready for presentation to the forthcoming legislature for action.

In spite of the year-long uncertainties of the funding of the Library Services and Construction Act, we can report good progress. Eighteen counties are now participating in the federation program with interest high in many areas, waiting only until funds are available for demonstrations of service. In process is a new pilot program under Title III. The Billings Public Library is the Center for centralized processing for Billings, the Helena Public Library, the State Library and the Billings Elementary School system. Service has been started in all of the state institutions. Most dramatic in this program is the prison library which will soon have attractive new quarters, spacious, carpeted and provided with draperies, and in a good central location. David and I visited the prison recently to attend the prison JayCee's honor awards program and to see our librarian, James Moody, receive the Boss of the Year Award. The program for the Blind and the Physically Handicapped is growing, with new borrowers enrolled at a gratifying pace.

Three scholarships were awarded this past year: to Richard Peel, who will soon return to the State Library to head up the programs for the institutions and the services to the blind; to Kay Courtnage and Clinton DeSonia who will join Alma Jacobs' staff at the Great Falls Public Library.

In the construction program, Baker will soon dedicate its new building; Eureka has a new branch library; Forsyth is in the process of planning as are Choteau and Chester. Both Helena and Missoula are busy with plans for future, much needed, construction.

State agencies are increasingly cooperative in supplying publications for the Distribution Center and the service is filling a real need.

To those many indefatiguable workers who have done yeoman service in every type of library and who have brought us forward on our way, I want to express a world of thanks. There is much to be done but it is my conviction that you will continue to set your goals high and too, that you will achieve them.

Ruth O. Longworth, State Librarian

PNLA REPRESENTATIVE

The 59th P.N.L.A. Conference was held at the Olympic Hotel, Seattle, Washington on September 2-5, 1969. "Library Cooperation -- Today and Tomorrow" was the theme. Featured speakers were: Dr. Charles C. Spray, Project Director, Outside-in-Socio-Medical Aid Station Incorporated of Portland, Oregon; Dan Lacy, Vice-President of the McGraw-Hill Company; George Tweney, Manager Publications Services, Boeing Scientific Research Laboratories; Dr. Lester Asheim, Office of Library Education, A.L.A.; Lawrence Fanning, Editor Anchorage Daily News; and Dr. Preston Le Breton, University of Washington School of Business Administration.

At the P.N.B.C. Council meeting, Lura Gibbons Currier, research analyst employed by Washington State Library to make an in-depth study of P.N.B.C., presented her recommendations. "Having established the P.N.B.C. and given it professional support, sponsorship and encouragement for 30 years, the P.N.L.A. should now divest itself of any legal, financial or administrative responsibility for it, thereby setting the Center free to change its' operational patterns and to assume new dimensions." After discussing her recommendations it was decided to have three ad-hoc committees evaluate her recommendations and report back to the Executive Board this spring. Her study, "Sharing Resources in the Pacific Northwest" has been published.

We were delighted that Mrs. Ruth O. Longworth was presented an honorary life membership in P.N.L.A. for her contribution to library development in the Northwest and representing Montana well in P.N.L.A.

The Alaska Library Association has become a member of P.N.L.A. The Pacific Northwest Federation of Forestry Libraries has affiliated with the P.N.L.A. Reference Division.

The second edition of Who's Who Among Pacific Northwest Authors published by the Reference Division of P.N.L.A., should be printed by April. Those wishing copies may obtain them for $4.50 from P.N.L.A., University of Montana Library, Missoula, Montana.

There are now more than 1,000 members in P.N.L.A. Of these there are only 69 Montanans. I urge you to join.

New officers of P.N.L.A. are:

President	Maryan Reynolds, Washington State Library
First Vice-President	Marion A. Milczewski, University of Washington Library
Second Vice-President	Willard D. Youngs, Seattle Public Library
Secretary	Carolyn J. Else, Pierce County Library, Tacoma, Washington
Treasurer	Norman Alexander, Southern Oregon State College
Editor, P.N.L.A. Quarterly	Perry D. Morrison, University of Oregon

The 1970 P.N.L.A. will be held in Ashland, Oregon, August 25-27. "Management Techniques for Everyone" will be the theme. There will be small workshop sessions on Wednesday and Thursday. Friday morning's program will have a speaker on Shakespeare. The Friday afternoon program will be on local history and your library. Evenings will be free to attend Shakespeare performances.

I enjoyed being your representative to P.N.L.A. I do hope I represented you well.

Kay Griffith, PNLA Representative

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

ACTIVE MEMBERS

School librarians		109	
Public librarians		112	
Academic and Special librarians		49	
Total active members			270

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

Friends		131	
Trustees			
Commission members	4		
Public library trustees	189		
School administrators	53		
Total trustees		246	
Total associate members			377

INSTITUTIONAL MEMBERS	8
TOTAL MEMBERSHIP	655

The above membership includes 16 life members

Rita M. Nelson, Chairman

REPORT OF TREASURER
April 15, 1970

GENERAL FUND		
Balance, April 15, 1969		
Checking account	$1,990.01	
Certificate of deposit	1,022.56	
		$3,012.57
Receipts		
Memberships	1,953.25	
Conference exhibit space	719.00	
Registration and sale of meals	2,474.80	
Sale of decorations	7.00	
Interest, certificate of deposit	65.65	
		5,218.70
Disbursements		
Conference expense	3,119.32	
Supplies and expense	282.87	
Postage	187.92	
Treasurer	250.00	
Clerical assistance, Membership Committee	306.00	
Legislative Committee, expenses	949.10	
A.L.A. Representative, expenses	615.78	
P.N.L.A. Representative, expenses	50.00	
A.L.A. membership	30.00	
Exhibits Roundtable, subscription	3.00	
Gift to A.L.A. Washington Office	100.00	
Transfer to Scholarship Fund, 1969/70 membership	195.33	
		6,089.32
Balance, April 15, 1970		
Checking account	1,053.74	
Certificate of deposit	1,088.21	
		2,141.95
SCHOLARSHIP FUND		
Balance, April 15, 1969	1,241.66	
Royalty, Montana Library Quarterly film	3.16	
Interest	46.91	
Transfer, 1969/70 membership	195.33	
		1,487.06
TOTAL ASSETS		$3,629.01

Rita M. Nelson, Treasurer

THURBER'S